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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2021/947² of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument - Global Europe and amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009, and in particular Article 23(3) thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the individual measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for 2021, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing Decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2021. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 (“the Financial Regulation”) establishes detailed rules on financing Decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU³.
- (3) The actions provided for in this Decision contribute to climate and biodiversity mainstreaming in line with the European Green Deal⁴ and the inter-institutional agreement.
- (4) The new Multiannual Indicative Programme (MIP) EU-Jordan will be aligned with the 2021-2027 Partnership Priorities, currently under discussion. Meanwhile, the 2016-2020 Partnership Priorities have been extended⁵. It needs to be followed following the adoption of

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p.1.

³ www.sanctionsmap.eu Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.

⁴ COM(2019)640, 11.12.2019.

⁵ UE-RHJ 3303/21.

the MIP, this individual measure will be modified to align with the MIP. The 2016-2020 Partnership Priorities are the following: (i) Strengthening cooperation on regional stability, security including counter-terrorism, (ii) Promoting economic stability, sustainable and knowledge-based growth, quality education and job creation and (iii) Strengthening democratic governance, the rule of law and human rights.

- (5) Pursuant to article 23(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, the adoption of these individual measure is justified in order for the EU to continue supporting the efforts undertaken by Jordan to mitigate the severe socio-economic impact of the pandemic on the less advantaged groups and communities. The objectives pursued by the individual measure to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 are: (i) to support the development of a green economy to start building back better and provide sustainable services and jobs and (ii) to continue improving the rule of law and justice in Jordan for all.
- (6) The action entitled “EU support to Green Economy in Jordan 2021 – 2024” will contribute to the development of a green, environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive post COVID-19 economy through the enhanced implementation of Jordan’s green growth strategy and action plan.
- (7) The action entitled “Support to Rule of Law and justice for all in Jordan” aims at consolidating the Rule of Law and access to justice for all in Jordan. It will do so by working to balance the supply and demand sides of the Rule of Law reforms, by further enhancing the performance, quality, accountability and transparency of justice services and criminal proceedings, in compliance with international law standards and by integrating gender responsive and rights-based approaches.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947, indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action plan.
- (9) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation.

To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.

- (10) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (11) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (12) The measure provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The measure

The annual financing Decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the individual measure in favour of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for 2021, as set out in the Annexes, is adopted.

The measure shall include the following actions:

- Annex I: “EU support to Green Economy in Jordan 2021 – 2024”
- Annex II: “Support to Rule of Law and justice for all in Jordan”

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the measure for 2021 is set at EUR 70 000 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the budget line 14.020110 of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

Article 3
Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex I, may be entrusted to the entities or persons referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in point 4.4.3 of the Annex I.

Article 4
Flexibility clause

Increases⁶ or decreases of up to EUR 10 million and not exceeding 20% of the contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 or cumulated reassignments of funds between actions not exceeding 20% of that contribution, as well as extensions of the implementation period shall not be considered substantial within the meaning of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where these changes do not significantly affect the nature and objectives of the actions.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph acting in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

⁶ These changes can come from external assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing Decision.

Done at Brussels, 17.12.2021

For the Commission
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